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Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of 30 December 1953 was delivered early New Year's morning. I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and inspired by your expression of confidence.

It has been a year of progress and I believe I can see improvement here in the Agency's performance. But 1954 must show further improvement in our intelligence work and in our over-all capabilities to deal with subversive Communist techniques.

These last few days I have been preparing a brief report of our operations and a series of recommendations to increase our coverage of the Soviet world. I would appreciate an opportunity to lay this before you. Possibly it would be useful to have Foster, Charlie Wilson, and Raddy also present. If, toward the end of some afternoon, you could spare me an hour, I could cover the ground and get my "sailing" orders for the coming year.

With deep appreciation for your encouragement, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

The President  
The White House

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